

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Duan, et al.
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Group Art Unit: 2624
Confirmation No. 9839
Examiner: Daniel G. Mariam
Title: *Hierarchical Determination of Feature Relevancy*

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Dear Sir:

NOTICE OF APPEAL

In response to the Office Action mailed April 18, 2007, Applicants respectfully request the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences to reconsider the rejections to the claims and the objections to the Application.

REMARKS

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decisions of the Examiner mailed April 18, 2007 rejecting the pending claims.

Attached herewith is a Request for Pre-Appeal Brief Review for consideration with this Notice of Appeal.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker Botts L.L.P. the amount of \$500.00 to satisfy the Notice of Appeal fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(b). The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

If the Examiner feels that prosecution of the present Application may be advanced in any way by a telephone conference, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at 214-953-6655.

Respectfully submitted,

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